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Surge successful

by Capt. Carol Kanode
Public Affairs

Maintainers labeled the attempted 36-sortie gunship "surge" that took place August 27 through 30, a proud achievement.

On average, an AC-130 unit and maintenance organization, the 4th Special Operations Squadron and 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit respectively, schedule about 25 sorties, or approximately 100 flown hours over a five-day period. Surge results included flying 35 of 36 missions, with 153 hours flown, in only a four-day period. The accomplishment netted an 89 percent mission capable rate and an 88 percent mission effectiveness rate.

But the surge couldn't have been accomplished with only two units, according to Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Brandewie, 4th AMU maintenance chief.

"Without the help from these shops, the amount of flying we did last week would not have been possible. It took a superhuman effort to support us and the normal flying commitments from these shops."

The shops he referred to included the 16th Component Repair Squadron whose sensor section supported the effort by maintaining all the All-Light Level TV and

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A founder of AFSOC bids farewell

by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor
Public Affairs

Air Force Special Operations Command said goodbye to one of its modern day founding fathers Aug. 30 during a retirement ceremony in the Deployment Control Center auditorium.

After 22 years of service, Maj. Jessie Rowe III was presented with the Meritorious Service Award as he ended a diverse Air Force career that began with his enlistment in 1978. But he gave a fitting replacement when, among his colleagues, he swore his eldest son, Jessie Rowe VI, into the Air Force.

Husband of Diane and father to sons Jessie and James, Major Rowe had a notable beginning to his career when, as a fuels specialist and newly-promoted senior airman, he was deployed with the 8th Special Operations Squadron in support of operation Eagle Claw. Also called operation Rice Bowl and Desert One, he and his crew were part of a rescue attempt of 54 Americans held hostage in an Iranian embassy.

Desert One was the location a young Airman Rowe, along with the rest of the crew of "Boss Hogg," a C-130 fitted with large bladders filled with fuel, waited for rescue helicopters to arrive on their approach toward the embassy.

"We knew what the mission was, and everybody involved was really pumped up," said the major. "It was about saving fellow Americans. That's what we're there for – that's what we get paid to do."

Despite the preparation, the mission was aborted and five 1st Special Operations Wing crewmembers and three Marines lost their lives in the attempt. How-



Courtesy photo

(third from right, bottom row): Maj. Jessie Rowe III, then a senior airman, and (third from right, standing) Col. Kenneth Poole, then a captain, kneel with the crew of "Boss Hogg," a C-130 designed to refuel rescue helicopters during Desert One.

ever, the operation became the pivotal point for changing the way modern special operations does business.

One thing gained from Desert One was the model for the Forward Area Refueling Point system in use today. It took weeks of experiments for then Airman Rowe and his crew to come up with the techniques necessary to complete their refueling mission.

"Fuel was the key to our role, and Jesse and the other fuels folks looked at and tested about every way to off-load fuel,"

said Colonel Kenneth Poole, AFSOC assistant director of operations, who was with Major Rowe during the operation. "[They tried everything] from small rubber round balls that bounced all over the desert – idea canned – to bigger rubber round balls of fuel that a tractor was needed to move – another idea canned – and finally to fuel blivets in the cargo compartment, with the same basic FARP system we have today."

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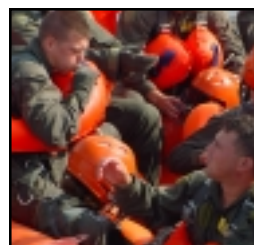
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Open Line

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Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, congratulates Staff Sgt. Barbara Freeny, 16th Special Operations Wing command administrative assistant, after reenlisting her, Aug. 30.

Dining hall use

Comment: Would you please explain why civil service employees aren't able to eat at either dining facility? So many times it would be convenient to be able to eat there, as sometimes we're limited on leaving our desks for a proper lunch.

Reply: The Air Force operates the enlisted dining facilities in order to provide subsistence entitlements to enlisted members who reside in dormitories and provide flight and ground meal service in support of daily operations. Officers and Department of Defense civilians who are TDY to Hurlburt Field are also authorized to eat in these facilities. Unfortunately, permanent party DoD civilians aren't. The Air Force has looked at this issue in depth and has determined that other dining facilities – including nonappropriated fund activities, base exchange snack bars and local restaurants – are readily accessible on the base for this purpose.

Buggy bumper

Comment: In January I was shopping at the base commissary and one of the baggers scratched my car with her cart. She knew what she'd done and another bagger witnessed it as well. I was told to file a claim for damages, which I did. The lowest estimate was \$400 and the highest was \$570.

I just got a letter back saying they denied the claim because baggers aren't employees of the U.S. government. When I talked to someone at the commissary, they said there's nothing else they can do.

I would hate to think I couldn't shop at the commissary anymore because no one is responsible for scratching my vehicle.

Reply: Unfortunately, commissary baggers are independent contractors, not employees of the government. As such, they're responsible for their own acts. If there is not clear negligence on the government's part and we deny claims such as yours, we recommend you seek damages from the bagger for payment.

Pick-up team

Comment: I play with the 16th Supply Squadron basketball team. We played the 16th Security Forces Squadron for the base championship and half their players weren't even in their squadron. How can a team pick up whomever they want, besides the fact those people are varsity players? This is unfair and needs to be looked at.

Reply: Our objective for the intramural sports program is to encourage participation. Individuals who enjoy playing a sport, but who don't have enough squadron members to form a team are placed in a player's pool.

The 16th SFS was short two members to form a team, selected members from the pool, and ended up with three varsity players – one from SFS and two from the pool.

As a result, the fitness center staff is adding a provision into next season's by-laws to prevent two varsity team members from the player's pool to play on the same team. Thanks for your comment.

The Legacy of Gen. Mike Ryan

by Brig. Gen. Ron Rand
Director of Public Affairs

Thursday was a big day for our Air Force. At 9 a.m., Gen. Michael E. Ryan, who's been our chief of staff for the past four years, retired and Gen. John P. Jumper became our 17th chief of staff. It's an exciting and important moment in our history – the end of one era and the beginning of another. After all the farewells and thanks, General Ryan will depart, and amid all the welcomes and congrats, General Jumper will take the stick.

His priorities as our top uniformed officer will be readiness, retention and transformation, and together with Dr. Jim Roche, our secretary, General Jumper will work hard to make sure we remain the world's greatest aerospace force.

In one of his final media interviews, General Ryan was asked what he thought his legacy would be. In typical fashion, he

downplayed talk of his own accomplishments, focusing on those of the Air Force team instead. That's the way he is; for him, the Air Force and Air Force people, come first, in every decision he makes and every action he takes. He leads us from that position, with clear vision for the future, abiding passion for our institution, and unbridled compassion for our people.

When he became chief of staff, General Ryan saw a need to return to our expeditionary roots and embarked us on the transition to today's expeditionary aerospace force. He knew readiness and retention were our biggest near-term problems, and he set out to correct disturbing downward trends in both.

Most importantly, he recognized that our strength is in our people – that the best equipment in the world is just machinery without bright, dedicated, enthusiastic, patriotic, well-cared-for Americans to operate and maintain it. And he dedicated himself to making us one

force, one family – to taking care of our people.

It's our people he cares about the most – every single one of them. In every crisis, and in every decision, he makes sure our first action is to take care, both institutionally and personally, of the people affected.

In the last four years, we've become a much better Air Force, playing a much larger role on the world stage. We've built stability into our expeditionary operations, arrested readiness, restored our retirement, worked retention and recruiting hard to maintain the quality of our force, increased bonuses, got pay raises, fought for our people at every turn and so much more.

General Ryan would say that's the unique and selfless legacy of this third-generation airman, aviator, leader and patriot who has spent his whole life in the Air Force and who retired Thursday with more than 36 years of active duty service to this great nation of ours – General Mike Ryan.



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Internet usage affects mission effectiveness

by Staff Sgt. William J. Seabrook Jr.
Public Affairs

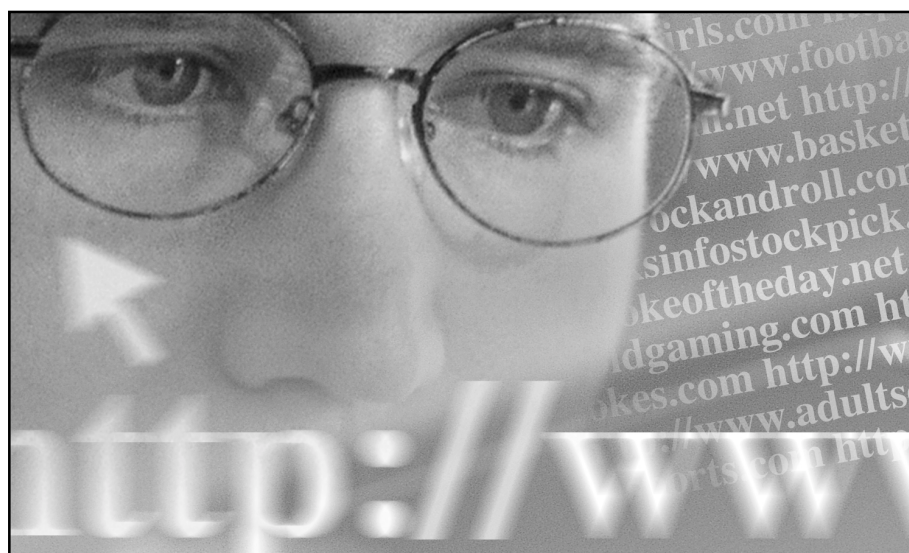
The explosion of the information age and the Internet in particular brings both great opportunities and great risk to the Air Force.

The World Wide Web provides online access to a vast library of information, giving connected users a valuable tool for research, learning and exchanging information. However, it can also be a liability — unauthorized site use of the Web wastes critical government resources.

"We need people to understand that only so much information or bandwidth can flow over our server at any given time," said Tech. Sgt. Tarver Finney, 16th Communications Squadron network security flight. "We're not like a civilian Internet Service Provider whose business it is to provide their customers with unlimited bandwidth. We have a limited information pipeline, and when people overload the system with personal site surfing, it hinders users who need the network to accomplish their mission."

In an effort to save valuable resources and to identify fraud, waste and abuse, and in accordance with Air Force Instruction 33-129 *Transmission of Information Via the Internet*, the 16th CS tracks all Internet traffic on a daily basis.

The ten most frequented unauthorized Web sites are reported up the chain monthly, where the decision is made on whether or not to block the sites, said Staff Sgt. David Guernsey, 16th CS network security flight.



Courtesy photo illustration

Unauthorized sites are normally blocked to provide additional bandwidth and improve network performance on Hurlburt Field, he added.

Air Force members and civilian employees are authorized to use the Internet to further professional and military knowledge; however, the following conditions must be met:

- Use doesn't interfere with the performance of official duties

- Use is of reasonable duration and frequency. Commanders and supervisors may need to place specific time limits for Internet web browsing.

- Use serves a legitimate Air Force or public interest. This includes research, enhancement of professional skills and temporary duty support.

- Use doesn't create any significant additional cost, overburden the system or violate federal, state or local laws

- Use doesn't reflect adversely on the Air Force. (Examples include uses involving pornography, chain letters, unofficial advertising, soliciting or selling)

"The Internet offers many opportunities to expand current capabilities and knowledge," said Sergeant Finney. "However, if some current negative trends in computer usage continue, it may become necessary to impose more stringent controls over computer use. We estimate that 80 percent of our Internet usage at this time would be technically considered unauthorized usage."

The main message to users is to use common sense, said Sergeant Finney. If a person thinks they're doing something wrong, they probably are.

"We don't expect people to never use the Internet for personal use. We'd just like them be reasonable," said Sergeant Guernsey. "If you go out and check the latest news for five minutes there isn't a problem — if you spend one to three hours downloading music CDs, there is."

"People need to remember there are a tremendous number of users on this base and a lot of them depend on the Internet to do their job," said Sergeant Finney. "Save the hardcore net surfing for your home computer, and remember your careless use of the net could be affecting someone else's mission effectiveness."

For more information on Internet usage please see AFI 33-129 or call the 16th CS network security flight at 884-4419.

Spotlight on ...



Jason Penny

Name: Jason Penny
Rank/Duty Title: Staff Sergeant/
Services Specialist
Organization: 823rd RED
HORSE Squadron

Hometown: Little Rock, Ark.

Hobbies: Sports, music and spending time with his family

Contribution to the mission: Sergeant Penny possesses a wealth of knowledge in RED HORSE services operations. His take-charge attitude can lead to assignments in a variety of positions — food service shift leader, recreation specialist, lodging receptionist or fitness center manager. He contributed significantly with a recent deployment to Paraguay ensuring services equipment was packed and marshalled ahead of schedule with 100 percent accountability.

Additionally, he provides close scrutiny over the RED HORSE's Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points program and instills supply discipline as the primary custodian on Services' \$400,000 equipment account.

He's an enthusiastic, proven performer who's aspiration in the Air Force is to reach the rank of chief master sergeant.

(Editor's Note: The COMMANDO highlights airmen, junior Ns, company grade officers, Department of Defense civilians and volunteers in units who do a great job, but who may not receive much recognition day-to-day. Supervisors can call the 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs Office at 884-7464 for more information on nominating an individual for the "Spotlight on..." column.)

The top ten unauthorized sites for August, 2001 were:

www.musicsojourn.com

www.musicblitz.com

www.ebay.com

www.tvguide.com

www.kinkysingles.com

www.uproar.com

www.ninjagames.com

www.atlastwemeet.com

www.sandbox.com

www.localswingers.com

AIR FORCE NEWS

SECAF says hail and farewell

by **James Roche**
Secretary of the Air Force

WASHINGTON – The Air Force bade farewell Sept. 6 to a friend, an exceptional leader and a champion of Air Force standards and quality of life. We also hailed on this day a new chief of staff, selected by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, to preside over the total Air Force team as our highest uniformed leader.

Gen. Michael E. Ryan dedicated more than 36 years of his life to our Air Force – he sacrificed much and succeeded at all he did along the way. Our grateful nation and our superb Air Force are the beneficiaries of his exceptional leadership, his focus on improving quality of life for all airmen and their families, his innate sense of excellence, and his dedication to successfully transform us toward a fully expeditionary aerospace force.

It’s been an incredible honor and a pleasure for me to have had the opportunity to serve with Gen. Mike Ryan.

Gen. John P. Jumper, our new chief of staff of the Air Force, brings an impressive background and broad experience to the job of helping to lead our total Air Force team onward in this new century. Somewhat like General Ryan’s, his family ties to our service extend as far back as the Army Air Corps. His experience transcends both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, with more than 1,400 combat hours in two Southeast Asia tours, and two full assignments in Europe.

Having already proven himself a wise counsel and superlative leader at Air Combat Command, I am truly looking forward to serving with General Jumper in the months and years ahead. Our bright future awaits. Together with everyone else on our team, General Jumper and I will work to pilot the journey that will take us there.

On behalf of the total Air Force team, I bid fond farewell with profound appreciation to Gen. Mike Ryan, and congratulate and welcome Gen. John Jumper, our 17th chief of staff of the Air Force. (AFPN)

SGLI coverage extends to include family members

WASHINGTON – The Service members’ Group Life Insurance will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1.

The government has always had an excellent estate program to protect family members in case of a service member’s death, said Maj. Jeffrey Keef, chief of Air Force military estate and special pays policy at the Pentagon. However, little has been available to provide the military member financial protection in the event of a family member’s death. Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant, Major Keef said. The member will have the option to decline spouse coverage if submitted in writing.

The maximum automatic coverage is \$100,000 for a member’s spouse, and any lesser amount must be evenly divisible by \$10,000, Major Keef said. However, the amount of coverage of a member’s spouse cannot exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse’s age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. For example, \$100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for \$9 per month.

There is also a policy conversion option for the insured spouse after loss of eligibility for SGLI, he said. Children will be covered automatically for \$10,000, and no premiums will be charged the member, Major Keef said. In cases where both parents are eligible SGLI participants, the child may not be insured by more than one member. In the event of a family member’s death, any insurance in effect will be paid to the insuring member. If the member passes away before payment can be made, then the amount will go to the people named as the member’s beneficiaries.

“In the past, only GIs were covered by SGLI, not thier family members,” said Vince Filpi, Hurlburt Field casualty services officer. “This lead to some service members cancelling thier SGLI coverage and obtaining another insurance carrier.”

This can lead to problems when another carrier’s contract contains clauses that won’t cover deaths that occur, for example, on the battlefield or on military aircraft, said Mr. Filpi.

Military personnel flights can expect to receive detailed implementing instructions in September. For more information, visit the SGLI homepage at www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm. (AFPN)

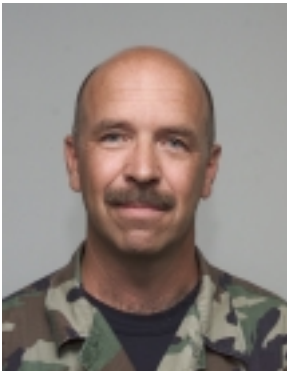
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“80,000 “	7.20	7.20	10.40	10.40	16.00	25.60	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
“70,000 “	6.30	6.30	9.10	9.10	14.00	22.40	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
“60,000 “	5.40	5.40	7.80	7.80	12.00	19.20	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
“50,000 “	4.50	4.50	6.50	6.50	10.00	16.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
“40,000 “	3.60	3.60	5.20	5.20	8.00	12.80	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.00
“30,000 “	2.70	2.70	3.90	3.90	6.00	9.60	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
“20,000 “	1.80	1.80	2.60	2.60	4.00	6.40	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
“10,000 “	0.90	0.90	1.30	1.30	2.00	3.20	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50

Look who’s talking: What’s the biggest perk of being in the Air Force?



“Having a job that rewards you with pride and dedication in yourself and country. Job security is high in the running, too.”

Capt. Cotina Jenkins
Air Force Special Operations Command



“Definitely the travel. In 21 and a half years in civil engineering I’ve been to England, Micronesia twice, Honduras, Alaska, Australia, Kuwait, Estonia and the Bahamas.”

Senior Master Sgt. Terry Porch
ASAF Special Operations School



“Getting to travel to different countries you wouldn’t normally go to if you weren’t in the military.”

Scott Jennings
16th Logistics Support Squadron

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After several more years as a fuels specialist in Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, the major cross-trained into manpower management and graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Business management. He attended Officer Training School in 1986, and was commissioned 10 days before he was to sew on technical sergeant stripes.

As a newly commissioned officer, he gained extensive experience abroad, participating in operations Just Cause, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then attended the Air Force Institute of Technology, where he graduated with a Master of Science in Logistics Management. From there he worked extensively with the F-22 program, writing the aircraft's site activation and logistics test and evaluation plans, and identifying support system requirements.

He came to Hurlburt Field in June of 1995, and was assigned to the 6th SOS. In August of 1998 he was selected to help with the creation of the 16th SOW Plans and Programs Office, and in August of 2000 he became the 16th Logistics Support Squadron

commander, where he led his squadron to win several awards.

"I jumped at the opportunity [to command the squadron]," said Major Rowe. "Commanding the 16th LSS was the greatest job I've ever had."

Colonel Poole couldn't agree more.

"As commander, he did some incredible things to ensure the wing could respond and move out to meet in any tasking," said the Colonel. "Getting out of town is probably the hardest part of any deployment. He pulled the DCC folks together and improved many processes to make this effort run smoothly."

When his time in command was over, he was assigned with the AFSOC Inspector General, where he was a command complaints officer and logistics plan inspector – his final assignment as an active duty Air Force member.

The major, with his diverse experience and deep Special Operations roots, will be sorely missed by his peers.

"Major Rowe is part of a small breed that's going into extinction; A man whose word is his bond," said Colonel Poole. "If he says he is going to do something, you can depend on him to do it. He retired keeping the Special Operations Forces promise – never to let his brother down."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson

Major Jessie Rowe III takes a practice swing with a new golf club, given to him by his unit at his retirement Aug. 30.

Surge, *Continued from Page 1*

Q-26 sensors. These are two of the three systems that can be used to target the guns. The third is the radar maintained by the 4th AMU. In addition to servicing aircraft between flights and doing other mission essential systems work, both organizations maintained the systems so all but one flight had at least one sensor to shoot from.

The 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron's weapons, ammo, sheet metal and aero repair shops also aided the Herculean effort.

Members of the weapons shop loaded the 25mm ammunition on the aircraft for each mission, maintained all three guns on each aircraft and did all the gun pre-flights prior to each sortie. At the same time, they supported M-model gunship and MH-53 helicopter requests for day-to-day missions.

Ammo prepared and delivered all the ammunition shot, and that meant adding people to their swing shift to keep up with the delivery of all the bullets for both the gunship surge (U-models) and the H-model gunships.

The sheet metal shop worked repairs, keeping aircraft air-worthy. One repair in particular, according to Senior Master Sgt. Jeffry Hensen, 16th AGS, was on an aircraft whose cargo door edge bent early on in the surge. "We thought the aircraft wouldn't be able to be repaired in time to make its mission the next day. But the shop worked around the clock and repaired the aircraft by 11 a.m. the next day for a 5 p.m. mission ... truly remarkable!"

The aero repair shop also worked on several grounded aircraft for various problems, so that all aircraft were made air-worthy prior to their next scheduled sortie.

"This surge showcased the importance of the coordination and teamwork required to successfully execute our mission," said Col. Charles Williams, 16th Logistics Group commander. "The planners and crews from the 4th SOS joined forces and worked seamlessly with their maintainers in the 4th AMU from the 16th AGS. Ammo, weapons, sheet-metal and aero repair from the 16th EMS joined the fight along with Sensors from the 16th Component Repair Squadron. Bottomline—lots of metal on time, on target!"

TAP program streamlines retirement, separations

by LaVonne Vasquez
16th Mission Support Squadron

The Hurlburt Field Transition Assistance Program, held at the Family Support Center, provides information and support to the base's retiring and separating military members and their families.

The program was established in 1991 by the Department of Defense, Department of Labor and Department for Veterans' Administration to assist separating and retiring military members and their families, as well as civil service personnel who're retiring or separating from the federal government, to transition into the civilian sector.

A major part of the program is the three-day seminar, developed by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service, to train service members in job hunting skills that will assist them in finding employment. Offered twice a month, the program covers topics including identifying skills, interviewing techniques, researching companies, economic trends, résumé building, salary negotiation and live interview practice.

In addition to the three-day seminar, the transition office offers assistance to military and civilian members in choosing their careers. A class entitled "Mapping Your Career" is offered to help members decide what career course to pursue as well as what major to study in college.

Additionally, résumé classes are offered twice a month, one in the evening and another in the afternoon. These classes provide further assistance to the member in preparing a résumé that will gets them an interview, not one that's chock-full of military jargon. Transition assistance counselors assist member in translating

military jargon into language civilian sector companies understand. One-on-one assistance in preparing a résumé is offered as well.

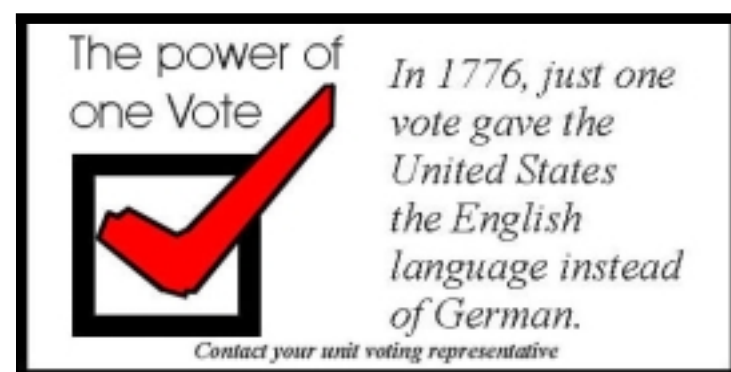
Hurlburt Field's TAP also aids people in applying for a disability evaluation rating with the Veterans Administration. With an appointment at the TAP office or a volunteer military service agency in the local area, medical records can be reviewed for the purpose of determining possible disability compensation.

Even if they don't feel they have a medical problem serious enough to warrant disability compensation, people within six to 12 months of separation or retirement are encouraged to have their records reviewed and get expert's advice.

If they don't qualify for a disability now, they may at a later date, and having records reviewed and submitting a disability compensation request at the time of separation or retirement, even if disapproved, makes the appeal processes and future disability compensation requests go résumérésumémore smoothly.

In addition, in March of 2000 Hurlburt Field clinic and Department of Veterans' Affairs representatives signed a memorandum of agreement on the Separation Examination Program, giving transitioning active duty members the opportunity to submit a disability claim before separation or retirement from the service.

To make an appointment with the TAP office or a local military service organization to have their medical records reviewed, Mr. Norman Freeman, a Veterans' Services Representative assigned to the Hurlburt Field Family Support Centers is available Monday and Tuesday. Call the transition assistance office at 884-6280/1 for more information.



Background airmen in spotlight

by **2nd Lt. Rosemary Heiss**
Public Affairs

Ten airmen from the 16th Special Operations Wing were honored as “unsung heroes” by the Air Force Association Hurlburt Chapter 398 at The Soundside.

The award is presented to airmen for their frequent, but often unrecognized, support of the wing’s mission.

“We call these people heroes,” said Max Friedauer, president of Chapter 398 before the awards were presented. “These people are always out there doing tough jobs with no fanfare.”

The award recipients are Master Sgt. Michael Bradley, 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit; Master Sgt. Nancy Shandrick, 16th Transportation Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Andy Zimmerly, 15th Special Operations Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Freda Kelly, 16th Logistics Support Squadron; Tech. Sgt. John Patterson, 16th Medical Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Eugene Cave, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron; Senior Airman ShaTara Sangvarn, 16th Mission Support Squadron; Airman 1st Class Sean Stallworth, 16th Services Squadron; Airman 1st Class George Hines, 16th Supply Squadron; and Coman Rothrock, 16th Operations Support Squadron.

Water survival

Coman Rothrock, 16th Operational Support Squadron, maritime operations superintendent, maintains realistic focus while conducting water survival refresher training, which is the benchmark for other services. The training allows aircrews to experience the effects of high wind and water drag. Totally involved in squadron fundraisers, Mr. Rothrock raised more than \$2,000 for the squadron morale fund. He was the driving force behind his sections fundraising activities and used these funds to purchase turkeys and Christmas party tickets that were provided to squadron junior enlisted airmen, according to his award write up.

ORI excellence

From the 16th Aircraft Generation Squadron’s 4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, **Master Sgt. Michael Bradley** supervised unit deployment processing for the wing’s 2001 Operational Readiness

Inspection. He coordinated the difficult task of conducting memorials for two airmen that died within the 4th AMU. Sergeant Bradley also spearheaded the return deployment of 95,000 pounds of AC-130U Spooky Gunship support assets from Eglin Air Force Base after runway repairs were completed.

Transportation trial

From the 16th Transportation Squadron, **Master Sgt. Nancy Shandrick** is the Combat Readiness and Resources Flight, superintendent. Handpicked to lead the most challenging flight in the squadron, she manages the base’s 250-member transportation processing system. Sergeant Shandrick took the lead as the alternate unit deployment manager during the wing ORI, taking charge of unit actions to fill a 33-member deployment team tasking with the most-qualified people in less than 12 hours.

Aircraft upgrades

As the quality assurance and weight and balance program manager, **Tech. Sgt. Freda Kelly**, 16th Logistics Support Squadron, managed and maintained 52 assigned aircraft. She supported multiple contractors by verifying and updating technical order modifications here, at Duke Field and at Crestview Aerospace Corporation. Sergeant Kelly coordinated the fabrication of two prototype parachute racks being tested for use on SOF aircraft. Her work was critical in developing a workable solution for operations requiring armor installations on the Combat Talon II aircraft, according to the award package.

Drug buster

As the NCO in charge of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, **Tech. Sgt. John Patterson**, 16th Medical Operations Squadron, was directly responsible for its success, serving a community of more than 20,000 people, according to his award nomination. The only certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor for the Hurlburt Field area, he scored 98 on an accreditation rating last year. He conducted substance abuse evaluations, prevention briefings and individual and group counseling sessions. His efforts generated and maintained a 21 percent increase in patient access. Sergeant Patterson performed more than half of all substance abuse pre-

vention briefings for almost two years.

Passport perfection

From the 16th Mission Support Squadron, **Senior Airman ShaTara Sangvarn**, the readiness support manager, was identified as a true “quiet professional.” Airman Sangvarn assisted in 47 processing lines for 11 missions in four theaters, deploying more than 1,700 Hurlburt Field people. As the base passport monitor, she forwarded more than 300 passports and visas through the State Department for deploying people. She’s an active member of both the Hurlburt Field Airmen’s Council and the squadron booster club.

Spare part supplies

Airman 1st Class George Hines, 16th Supply Squadron, is a mobility readiness spares package apprentice for the MC-130. He’s an outstanding technician in his section, hosting more than 2,000 line items valued in excess of \$245 million, according to his award write up. He expertly inventoried and prepared 16 pallets of aircraft spares for the wing ORI, which was lauded by inspectors for precision accountability and mobilization. Airman Hines is involved in several squadron and community functions and serves as the sergeant at arms for the squadron booster club.

Deployment director

As the NCOIC of mobility, **Tech. Sgt. Andy Zimmerly**, 15th Special Operations Squadron, was directly responsible for deploying more than 1,200 people in support of 71 deployments including eight focused effort exercises, an ORI and two hurricane exercises. He was directly responsible for the 15th SOS deployment planning, oversight and teamwork that was graded as outstanding during the recent ORI. Sergeant Zimmerly is a quiet professional who consistently leaves a positive impression of himself and the Air Force, stated his award package.

Quick buildup

As an MH-53 dedicated crew chief, **Staff Sgt. Eugene Cave**, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron, has been described as being a linchpin to the “Excellent” rating during the ORI. He managed and directed his crew on the buildup of Pave Low, timed under six hours – beating the “Outstanding” rating criteria by seven

hours. Sergeant Cave’s keen logistical prowess resulted in the discovery and turn-in of unaccounted parts located at Crestview Aerospace, saving the Air Force more than \$95,000, according to his award nomination.

Services superman

From the 16th Services Squadron, **Airman 1st Class Sean Stallworth**, a sports and fitness specialist, consistently impresses

leadership with his positive can-do attitude. He performs as the fitness safety representative ensuring fitness people are briefed on up-to-date safety information, earning an “Excellent” rating during the safety inspection. He volunteers his time twice weekly to mentor teens at a local high school, and recently earned six credits towards his Community College of the Air Force degree.

Air Force implements new dining facility food management system



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sam Taylor

Airman 1st Class Von Ford, a Tactical Air Control Party candidate, helps himself to mashed potatoes at the Reef Tuesday.

SAN ANTONIO, TX—A team from the Air Force Services Agency is at Hurlburt Field this week to implement a new dining food management system.

This new computer-based system is designed to eliminate paperwork for food managers dealing with inventories, menus and recipes. Dining facility customers may see an improvement in quality as a result and immediately will notice management limitations with the old system have been eliminated.

“We have given the manager back the time it takes to run the facility, no longer confined to managing a computer system. Centrally, an Air Force system will push standardized menus and recipes directly to them, saving them the time of creating them locally. Now they’ll have the time to concentrate on the refinements of presentation, atmosphere and true customer service,” said Senior Master Sgt. Jim Krueger,

chief of the food service operations team at AFSA in San Antonio.

“Our tested and proven standard menu meal plans will immediately improve financial management in operations,” he said. “Our meal card customers will see the biggest benefit. Services will be able to offer more as menus are expanded and services such as grab and go improved. It allows managers to spend more time working with their people and improving operations rather than trying to maintain inventory, work their prices and do those things. Now they spend more time on quality of food.”

Implementations have gone well, beginning with the first base, Barksdale AFB, La., back in January. The system also keeps a dining facility’s recipes up-to-date with the nutrition experts at the Air Force Services Agency and best available pricing with local vendors.

“We can make good menus with sound, nutritional decisions and send those to the bases much faster,” Sergeant Krueger said. “If managers find local recipes or trends change, managers simply send the information to the central site, recipes are built, products sourced and that site is then pushed the information needed to start offering new items to the customer.

This process once took months, now its down to days using e-mail and data warehousing.

Food service managers now can place food orders through e-mail directly to the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia Department of Defense contracted suppliers. The new system will also change the 28-day menu pattern to a modern 14-day one, current with commercial industry food programs.

“What we’re doing here is modernizing our business practices to commercially accepted ones used within industry. Our food managers will now be even more capable with industry philosophy as they purchase and interact with local suppliers supporting our on base needs,” said Mr. George Miller, Chief of Air Force Food Service at AFSVA.

Once implementation is completed, officials hope to have all Air Force dining facilities within the continental United States updated by Sept. 30. The new software, called Corporate Food Service, is an off-the-shelf concept and was developed by Ibertech, a company in Dallas. Customers may have noticed the use already of advanced technologies, ID cards being swiped to validate meal card status, recording of menu choices and better forecasting. Commercial applications have eliminated paper forms and signature logs already. Barksdale became the test base because it has multiple dining facilities and is close to Dallas.

Customers are reminded to continue to share comments with food service staff. Our base food service officer is Mr. Dave Mickler. (AFPN)

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FEATURE

Let the journey begin

Airmen jump into Pensacola Bay

By 2nd Lt. Kristin Haley
Public Affairs

Three consecutive rings on the intercom of a C-130 usually causes anxiety among most crewmembers. In fact, that's an understatement as crews prepare to egress and reach for their parachutes. These sounds mean it's time to get out of the plane — fast. Members of Detachment 2, 66th Training Squadron, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., known as U.S. Air Force Water Survival School, train crewmembers to survive as they ditch and descend into the ocean below.

Forty-eight weeks each year the Pensacola school teaches Air Force active duty and reserve crewmembers water survival techniques.

This program is the premier jump program in Air Education and Training Command, they train over 2,500 people annually, said Master Sgt. David Dick, detachment superintendent. "This is a very interesting place and you won't find another like it because of our unique sea operations," he added.

"Our week-long program teaches water survival techniques in a classroom, then trains and tests crewmembers in a controlled, dynamic environment which reinforces what they've been taught," said Master Sgt. Daniel Spisak, chief of water survival training at the detachment.

There are a number of scenarios the students are required to simulate. Among them are parachute egress training and boarding a 20-man life raft. They also practice vectoring helicopters as well as experiencing a



Photos by 2nd Lt. Kristin Haley

Water survival training is required for every aircrew member with any chance to egress.

live hoist out of Pensacola Bay. The students must attach themselves to the device dropped by a H-3 Navy Helicopter that produces down wash, winds of up to 100 mph, along with waves and turbulence that restrict visibility. "It's important for them to experience these conditions caused by the aircraft," said Sergeant Spisak.

Additionally, they're towed to a height of 400 feet above Pensacola Bay and must disconnect themselves from the tow while in the air. Then they must maneuver their C-9 parachute in a 22-second rate of descent where they deploy their survival kit from the air.

Once they reach the water, they board their one-man life raft until recovered up to two hours later. The C-9 chute is the same one used by all U.S. Air Force aircraft and we're the only ones in the Air Force that use this parachute regularly," said Mr. Gregory Smith, detachment quality assurance advisor.

Interestingly, the unit also has the "largest fleet of watercraft in the Air Force," Mr. Smith added.

Finally, the students dangle 12 feet above the water behind the "Big Dog," a specially-made-94-foot Air Force boat. Then they drop and are dragged behind the boat. The students have to quickly disconnect



The "drop and drag" scenario of water survival training simulates a real world situation for students.

from the harness as they're pulled through the bay at a speed of 8 knots. This simulates a real situation where a crewmember can either survive or perish in the water.

The airmen that train and support the large number of aircrews every year is relatively small. "As a response to the decision that every aircrew member (with any chance to egress) must attend water survival school, the unit has experienced a tremendous ramp up in the past three years. The school is now required for all fixed-wing aircrew members," said Sergeant Dick.

We've increased our classes from 25 to more than 50 people each week and only added three instructors," Sergeant Dick said.

Each of the water survival instructors comes from Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape school at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. However, once the instructors come to Pensacola, their training becomes specifically geared for this program. "We grow them here," Sergeant Dick said. "Before each instructor is given a class to teach, we send them to Basic Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga., then to Military Freefall School in Yuma, Ariz.". Instructors are later sent to Static Line and Military Freefall Jumpmaster schools as they progress.

The staff consists of 11 instructors and seven support troops led by Major Darrin Valha, who recently left Hurlburt Field to take command of the school.

Major Valha spent four years at Hurlburt Field flying for the 20th Special Operations Squadron and later worked at Air Force Special Operations Command.

"If not in the operational world — it's the best place to be," he said, "We love working with the students and training them."



Staff Sgt. William Willis, training instructor, prepares a student for take-off during parasail training.

LIFESTYLE

Military

Officer's call

Col. Lyle Koenig, 16th Special Operations Wing Commander, holds an initial officer's call for the wing Sept. 17. Wing officers should be in place by 3:30 p.m. in the Commando Hangar. Tenant unit and civilian equivalents are also invited to attend. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 1st Lt. Michelle Tasker at 884-4447.

Promotions

The new fact sheet for anyone competing for promotion to Senior Master Sgt. and Chief Master Sgt. is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom. The fact sheet explains many promotion elements including; eligibility, promotion consideration, commonly asked questions and members responsibilities. For more information, contact your unit weighted airmen promotions monitor.

Chapel positions

The Hurlburt Field Base Chapel is accepting sealed bids for the positions of Catholic Auxiliary Chaplain and Catholic Deacon. Bids should be submitted by close of business Sept. 17. A statement of work for these positions can be obtained at the chapel from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call Staff Sgt. David Vigil or Senior Airman Tiffany Weir at 884-7795.

Team leaders needed

The Commando Pride Airman Center is looking for highly motivated individuals to serve as team leaders. Duties include assisting with the daily operations of CPAC. The detail is a 120 days in length, starting in September. To qualify you must be between the ranks of Senior Airman (completed Airman Leadership School) through Technical Sergeant, with impeccable dress and appearance, high moral character, a driver's license, good communication skills, computer skills and a desire to assist first term airmen. For more information, call Master Sgt. Andrew Hollis at 884-5795 or 5787.

TMO survey

People inbound from a Full Service Moving Project test location should provide feedback about their move to the FSMP Web site www.dodfsmp.com or send an e-mail directly to the Air Force representative, Lt. Col. Dave Holt at holtd@mtmc.army.mil. Members should be contacted within two weeks after shipment delivery to conduct a customer satisfaction survey, but can use the e-mail addresses listed if they aren't. E-mails will require name, rank, return e-mail address and phone numbers.

Community

Munch and Mend

The Hurlburt Field Base Chapel holds a "Munch and

Mend" Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. Senior Airmen and below can enjoy a free meal while having minor repairs done on one article of clean clothing or have stripes, patches or name tags sewn on. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 881-3344.

Family talent show

The Hurlburt Field Community Center invites all families to sing, dance or even perform together in this family oriented event. There will be several categories; parent and child, husband and wife, children 3-7, preteen 8-12 and family. Any interested members must attend a meeting Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the community center. For more information, call 884-6948.

Hair salon

The Shear Energy Hair Salon, located inside J.R. Rockers offers an array of hairstyles for both men and women. The salon is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For appointments, call 581-0115. Walk-ins are welcome on space availability.

Bite out of crime

The Hurlburt Field Youth Center sponsors the "Take a Bite out of Crime, Take a Bite Out of Pizza" today. The program allows prison inmates the chances to speak with youth about the choices they made in life and the consequences for their actions.

There will be a question and answer period followed by free pizza from Anthony's Pizza. Youth 9-12 may attend from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 13-18 can attend from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call Melanie Pufpaff at 884-3769.

Air Force ball

The Veteran of Foreign Wars sponsors an Air Force ball Sept. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the VFW post 7674 located at 213 Carol Ave. Fort Walton Beach. Dinner is \$15 per person and includes steamship round or ham and raisin sauce along with complimentary toast table wine. Guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Harry Aderholt. For tickets contact, Jamie or Mary at 244-3834.

Rental scam

The British Ministry of Defense Police and Air Force Office of Special Investigations are conducting an investigation into a company that rents vehicles to U.S. and other authorized people in and around the RAF Lakenheath, Alconbury and Mildenhall areas within the United Kingdom.

In order to establish if you've been subject to the frauds committed by this company and you're stationed at Hurlburt Field, contact AFOSI Detachment 309 at 884-6102.

Locks changed

The housing office changes locks on the recreational vehicle lots Sept. 14. People who have a RV or boat stored in any of these lots are required to go by the housing office, building 90371 to register their RV and receive a key for the new lock. Housing office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 884-7505 or 4896.

Hurlburt Field Chapel (884-7795)



Catholic Masses

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 7:30 and 10 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request.

Adoration: 5 p.m. Sunday

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:45 a.m. (praise & worship),

1:15 a.m. (traditional),

2:30 p.m. (Gospel)

Youth and Single Groups available

Jewish Services (882-2111)

Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel 1

Havdallah services: next-to-the-last Saturday of

each month, 7 p.m., Chapel annex

Muslim Services (882-2111)

Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.

Qur'an: Saturday, 6 p.m.

At the movies



Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field (884-7648)

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Final Fantasy," a computer generated cast of characters – In the not too distant future, the earth is invaded by aliens. Great cities are deserted, populations are decimated, alien beings have taken over the planet. Aki Ross and her mentor, Dr. Sid and the few humans that remain must find a way to survive the invasion and reclaim the planet.

Saturday – (PG-13) "Legally Blonde," starring Reese Witherspoon and Luke Wilson – Elle has a cute boyfriend, who dumps her saying she's "too blonde" and not "serious" enough for his future political career. She applies and is accepted at Harvard Law School and is soon one of the best in her class.

Eglin (882-1066)

Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) "Jurassic Park," starring Sam Neill and T'ea Leoni – The Lost World's Site B has been quarantined for five years. But when a boy trying to get a look at the creatures gets stranded there, a rescue mission is formed, comprising the boys divorced parents, a few mercenaries, and Dr. Grant. There's been some unpleasant developments since Dr. Grant was last there.

Saturday – (PG-13) "America's Sweethearts," starring Julia Roberts and Billy Crystal – Kiki is the devoted personal assistant and sister to megastar Gwyn Harrison. Life with her famous sister has never been easy for Kiki, but it's about to get even harder. Kiki finds she's faced with a more important concern as her life takes a romantic turn.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm scheduled play dates.)

LIFESTYLE

Community

Spouses club

The Hurlburt Field Officer's Spouses' Club holds its monthly meeting Sept. 18 at 10:30 a.m. at The Soundside. Lunch is \$10 and includes salmon en croute with steamed vegetables or chicken ceasar salad. Childcare is available through the child development center and reservations should be made by Tuesday. Luncheon reservations should be made by Thursday, with Pat Rogers at 678-9375 or Danielle Wolf at 916-0963.

Native-American/Indian Heritage

November is Native-American/Indian Heritage Month. Spouses, civilians and military members who would like to serve on the committee can attend weekly meetings. The committee is also looking for a chairperson. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Lynetta Williams at 884-8746 or Master Sgt. Bryan Osborne at 884-6844.

Prayer breakfast

The Hispanic Heritage Committee sponsors a prayer breakfast Sept. 14 at 7:30 a.m. in the Hurlburt Field Base

Chapel. The breakfast is free and open to everyone. Dress is uniform of the day. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Guadalupe Cox at 881-2254.

Thrift shop hours

Thrift shop twilight hours begin Monday. The thrift shop will open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for consignments and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for sales each Monday. The added evening hours are in addition to the regular hours of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to noon for consignments and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for sales. The shop also opens on the first and third Saturday of each month. For more information, call 884-3098.

Classes

FSC

For more information on family support center classes, call 884-5441.

- Sponsorship Training** – Monday, at 1 p.m.
- Commando Welcome Spouse** – Tuesday, at 9 a.m.
- Moms, Pops and Tots** – Tuesday for ages birth to 2 and Wednesday for ages 2 to 4, at 10 a.m.
- VA Brief at the base theater** - Wednesday, at 7:30 a.m.

- Readiness** – Thursday, at 9 a.m.
- Panhandle Job Fair** – Thursday, at 10 a.m.

Sports

Kickball

The 16th Mission Support Squadron Top 4 sponsors a kickball game today at 1 p.m. at the Hurlburt Field softball field. Sodas, hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Dexter Coburn at 884-2631.

Horseshoe tournament

A horseshoe tournament is scheduled today at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Hooch. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Bob Love at 884-4995 or Jeff Rickert at 884-7507.

Women football

The women's football team is looking for more players and a coach. The team is open to spouses and family members 18 and older who are out of high school. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Norman Williams at 884-5879.

SPORTS



Team members run through scrimmages against one another as part of weekly practices.

Varsity soccer kicks off soon

As the soccer season approaches, Hurlburt Field's Varsity Soccer team prepares for a successful, fun filled year. The team, which consists of people from units throughout the base, began practice in August. Seasonal games start in September.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Carrie Hinson
Phil Santomauro, 16th Services Squadron, attempts to block a shot at the goal during one of the team practices.



(far left), Dan Shepard, 16th Helicopter Generation Squadron practices his skills as goalie by blocking soccer balls.
(right), Varsity soccer team members warm up together before practice begins.